Anti-National activities in Jawahar Lal. Nehru University Campus

*92. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a variety of anti-national activities on the Jawahar Lai Nehru University Campus; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) There was an incident of burning of a motor-cycle in Jhelum Hostel in the campus of the Jawahar Lai Nehru University in January 1996. A case under section 436 IPC has been registered in this connection. A hand-written note was recovered from the burnt motor-cycle according to which the members of Al-Hilal claimed responsibility for the incident. The case is under investigation at present.

An incident leading to tension between two groups of students was reported at the Jawahar Lai Nehru University Campus in connection with a seminar on Kashmir which was due to be held on 6.2.1996. A pamphlet seeking withdrawal of Army rule from Kashmir was circulated by the Progressive Democratic Students Union on 5.2.1996. This was opposed by the Patriotic Forum The Partiotic Forum made a strong protest, as a result of which the seminar could not be held.

Government will take stern action in accordance with the provisions of law to deal with any anti-national activity.

मधुबनी में दरभंगा और फारविसगंज के बीच सड़क का निर्माण

*93 **श्री रामदेव भंडारी** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पार्श्व (लैटरल) सड़क योजना के अंतर्गत विश्व बैंक की सहायता से दरभंगा और फारविसगंज के बीच मधुबनी जिले से होकर जाने वाली एक सड़क का निर्माण करने का विचार रखती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति सहित तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इसके शीघ्र निर्माण हेतु कदम उठाने का विचार रखती हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. राजशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) दरभंगा और फारविसगंज के बीच मिर्लिंग लिंक को एक नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के रूप में घोषित किए जाने के लिए बिहार राज्य सरकार से एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था। तथापि, निधियों के समग्र अभाव के कारण इस प्रस्ताव को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया हैं।

Delay in Tabling the Vohra Committee Report

*94. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the reasons for delay in tabling the Vohra Committee Report although it was submitted more than two years ago;

(b) whether Government was trying to get confirmation of the facts and conclusions brought-out by the Committee; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the parallel Mafia Government is ruling the country as alleged by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: ' (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The Vohra Committee was set up by the Government of India as an Internal Committee "to take stock of all available information about the activities of crime syndicates/ mafia organisations....' as stated in the Vohra Committee Report itself. Even though the Report was an internal working Report meant to review the on-going process of action against criminals and mafias operating in the country and steps required to combat their activities, it was tabled in Parliament as it was felt necessary to quell certain rumours and speculations about its findings.

(b) and (c) The observations made by the Members of the Vohra Committee as recorded in the Report were made from their respective experience and perceptions without any particular reference to any specific material or any individual case or cases. One of the important purpose for setting up of Vohra Committee was to sensitise the enforcement and intelligence agencies for effective coordinated action against criminal syndicates and mafia, unhampered by any influence. Even

while the matter relating to the setting up of Nodal Agency was under the consideration of the Government, the concerned enforcement agencies who were represented in the Vohra Committee continued to take action against various crime syndicates under the laws of the country as contemplated.

Losses Due to Demurrage Claims

*95. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been incurring huge losses on account of demurrage
claims by ship-owners because of delays at various Indian ports;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of losses (in foreign exchange) suffered during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to upgrade and expand the ports to minimise the losses and the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT: (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Issues and Problems facing Jail Administration and the Undertrials

*96. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have recommended to Chief Justice of High Courts and Chief Ministers of various States to causea review of the undertrials to resolve the problems of jails and the undertrials;

(b) if so, what is their response to this recommendations; and

(c) what are the precise issues and problems facing the jail administration and the undertrials?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b)The Central Government interacts with the State Governments at various levels from time to time in order to discuss and remedy the deficiencies in the administration of Criminal Justice System including, *inter alia,* the problems of jails and undertrials. The State Governments have responded positively to me recommendations made and decisions taken during the interactions.

(c) The major issues facing the jail administration and the undertrials primarily relate to pendency of cases in various courts leading to overcrowding in jails and other connected problems, rehabilitation of prisoners, service conditions and training needs of jail staff, etc.

Acquisition of Flexible Pipes by ONGC

*97. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1602 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th December, 199S and
state:

(a) whether flexible pipes proposed to be imported by MDL for HX-HY platform have been used in India only for water injection platform and how far these pipes would be suitable for carrying gas and oil;

(b) whether Government have reviewed MDL's quotations and examined the technical suitability of flexible pipes particularly during hydro tests and problems of gas leakage, failure of dynamic risers and couplings; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether ONGC has advised MDL to invite international bids for rigid and flexible pipes; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) In the past, ONGC has installed flexible pipelines of short lengths in small quantities for oil, gas and water injection services.

(b) After detailed review, ONGC has firmed up the rigid pipeline system option with MDL.

(c) The project has been awarded on a nomination basis and is being executed as a